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Co-operatives: current restrictions across Victoria for attending meetings

Under the restrictions currently in place across Victoria, attending a co-operative meeting is not a permitted reason to leave home. You are also not allowed to:

- \* gather in public places with more than one person, other than members of your household, or
  - \* have visitors to your home unless it is to deliver care or essential services.
- Holding a meeting

If you need to hold a co-operative meeting, you can:

- \* use an alternative meeting method, such as teleconference or video conference. The Co-operatives National Law (Victoria) permits directors to hold board meetings, or carry out co-operative business outside physical meetings, by using technology that allows the board to clearly and simultaneously communicate and share documents with each other. Boards can also hold meetings by circulating papers without the board members being physically present together. Papers can be circulated

electronically.

\* use proxy voting or postal ballot.

The rules of some co-operatives permit the use of proxy voting and/or postal ballot. We strongly advise that you seek independent legal advice beforehand, to ensure the board is meeting its regulatory requirements.

\* apply for an extension of time to hold your annual general meeting.

The Registrar will approve an extension of up to three months and waive any extension fee. To apply, complete the Application for extension or shortening of time form (Word, 128 KB) <<https://submit.consumer.vic.gov.au/ch/25390/2d7cm06/2485691/DyKzTpUiIZ7YzqNK4JNLxQ21105qrTx.W0IXZ6Xt.html>> and submit to [cav.registration@justice.vic.gov.au](mailto:cav.registration@justice.vic.gov.au) <<mailto:cav.registration@justice.vic.gov.au>>.

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